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# Measures to support participants in foreign economic activity in connection with the declaration of the state of emergency in Kazakhstan

In connection with the declaration of the state of emergency in Kazakhstan, the Government has been taken the following measures regarding customs regulation:

- ▶ A "green corridor" has been opened for the import of socially significant products: the main importers of socially significant goods are exempted from applying customs control forms during clearance;
- ▶ Reduced administrative burden on the border in other categories of business by narrowing the "red and yellow corridors";
- Strengthened veterinary control;
- ► A mechanism has been introduced for electronic confirmation or refusal to confirm the payment of indirect taxes when importing EAEU goods;
- ▶ The following inspection activities have been suspended or canceled:
- -the delivery of documents issued during or following the results of customs inspections and inspections of customs documents and information (acts of inspections, notifications, requirements) on purpose has been suspended;
- -canceled customs inspections appointed but not started as of 16 March 2020;
- -the appointment of exit customs inspections has been suspended, with the exception of cases provided for by the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- -the acceptance of declarants for consultations has been suspended;
- -the deadline for reporting on the use of foreign goods, including goods for which lower rates of import customs duties are applied than those established by the CN FEA of EAEU, has been changed. Now such reports are submitted once every six months before the 10th day of the month following the reporting one.

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